



Monday May, 12th, 2025

Nature Center is Closed on Mondays

Tuesday May 13th, 2025

Nature Center Hours

11:00a.m. – 4:00pm.

12:00pm. – “Mammals of West Virginia”

Head to the Nature Center to learn about the mammals that call WV home and the important role they play in the environment.

Allow an hour.

1:30pm. – “Introduction to Ferns” (Twin Oaks Trail Head)

– West Virginia’s rich forests and habitats provide ideal habitats for a diverse variety of ferns. From the delicate Maidenhair to the rugged Christmas fern, these ancient, non-flowering plants thrive in the state’s cool moist environment. This program offers a closer look at some of the most common and interesting fern species found throughout the mountain state.

Wednesday May 14th, 2025

Nature Center Hours

10:00a.m. – 1:00pm.

Thursday May 15th, 2025

Nature Center Hours

10:00am. – 2:00pm.

10:00am. “Introduction to the Original Lodge” – (Outside of the Nature Center)

– Step back in time as we explore the

original lodge, a cornerstone of the area’s early history and hospitality. On this guided tour, you’ll learn about the lodge’s construction, its role in the community, and how it has evolved over the years. Allow 1.5 Hours, walking up and down stairs are involved.

1:00pm. “Introduction to Snakes”

(Nature Center) – West Virginia is home to a fascinating variety of snakes, each playing a vital role in the state’s ecosystem. From the common garter snake to the secretive timber rattlesnake, these misunderstood reptiles help control rodent populations and maintain ecological balance. In the program we will discuss the biology, behavior, and habitats of West Virginia’s snakes, dispel common myths, and learn how to safely appreciate these important creatures in the wild.

Friday May, 16th, 2025

Nature Center Hours

2:00pm. – 6:00pm.

10:00am “Introduction to West Virginia’s Wild Turkeys” (Nature Center)

– The Eastern wild turkey is one of West Virginia’s most iconic and resilient game birds. Once nearly gone from the state due to habitat loss and over hunting, wild turkeys have made a remarkable comeback thanks to conservation efforts. Today, they thrive in forests, fields, and ridgelines across the Mountain State. This program will take a closer look at the life cycle, behavior, and habitat of West Virginia’s wild turkeys, as



well as their cultural and ecological importance. This program will be followed with a 1 – mile walk to an area to see if we can spot a wild turkey or see evidence of where they have visited. This walk will take place on the Cliffside Trail. Allow 2 Hours for program and walk. We do not provide H2O or snacks.

1:00pm. “Introduction to Pollinator Plants of West Virginia” (Amphitheater)

– Pollinator plants are essential to the health of West Virginia’s ecosystems, providing food and habitat for bees, butterflies, hummingbirds, and other vital pollinators. These plants support biodiversity, help maintain healthy food webs, and contribute to successful crop production. In this program we will discuss native pollinator-friendly plants, their role in the environment, and how you can create your own backyard pollinator oasis. Guest attending will get a starter pack of seeds native to Southern WV. Allow 1 Hour.

2:00pm. “Introduction to Opossums” (Nature Center outside patio) – Often misunderstood, the West Virginia opossum is North America’s only native marsupial and a fascinating part of West Virginia’s wildlife. These nocturnal creatures play an important role in the ecosystem by controlling pest like ticks and cleaning up carrion. With their unique behaviors, such as “playing dead” and carrying young in a pouch, opossums are both resilient and resourceful. This program will uncover the surprising traits and ecological value of

opossums, helping you see them in a whole new light. Allow 1 Hour

Saturday May 17th. 2025

Nature Center Closed for Nature Ranger Day Camp.

If you have a kiddo that is 9 – 12 years of age and would like to sign them up for the day camp, the price is \$99.00 per kid and that includes all activities, lunch on Saturday, snacks and bottled water. Meet us in the Dogwood room at 9:00am to register and complete required paperwork. Day Camp starts promptly at 10:00am. And concludes at 9:30pm.

Sunday May 18th. 2025

Nature Center Hours

1:00pm. – 7:00pm.

11:30pm. – “Introduction to Ferns” (Twin Oaks Trail Head)

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Monday May 19th, 2025

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10:00am – 6:00pm.

12:00pm. “Introduction to Woodpeckers” (Nature Center) – With their striking colors and rhythmic drumming, woodpeckers are among the most recognizable birds in West Virginia’s forest. This program will introduce you to West Virginia’s woodpeckers, exploring their behaviors, habitats, and how to spot them in the wild.
Allow 1 Hour

Wednesday May 21st, 2025

Nature Center Hours

8:00am. – 1:00pm.

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Friday May 23rd, 2025

Nature Center Hours

2:00pm. – 6:00pm.

10:00am. “Cliffside Trail Hike” (Cliffside Trail Parking Lot) – Join Bugs on this hike through a very diverse forest as he sheds light on the Old Growth Forest that follows this ridgeline. Walk through a tunnel of Rhododendron before reaching your destination on top of our famous Buzzard Cliff. Allow 1.5 Hours wear sturdy shoes, bring H2O. This is a 3.5-mile hike and is rated moderate to difficult.

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2:00pm. – “Buck Run Trail Hike” (Twin Oaks/Buck Run Parking Lot) – Join Bugs

for a hike on Buck Run and discuss local flora and fauna in this particular area. Allow 1.5 Hours. Bring H2O, wear sturdy shoes or

boots. Cell phone service is very limited in this area. This trail has several steep sections and is rated moderate. 0.75 Miles

3:00pm. – “Introduction to Mushrooms” (Nature Center) – This program will

discuss the fungi and the proper way to identify mushrooms.

9:00pm. “Ghost Stories” (Campfire Circle) – Head to the campfire circle located near the campground for some spooky tales told by Bugs Stover, Bugs has witnessed some things within Twin Falls that he cannot explain and he wants to share his experience with you. 1 Hour.

Sunday May 25th, 2025

Nature Center Hours

10:00am. – 6:00pm.

Monday May 26th, 2025

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